Reserved coaches in Satyagraha Express

†*296. MISS FRIDA TOPNO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that only two sleeper class reserved coaches are attached to 4048/4047 Satyagraha Express and that the passengers bound for the Northern Bihar have to face a lot of difficulties on this account;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the condition of these sleeper class coaches in this train is very pitiable and worsening;

(c) whether Government are aware that the time of arrival of this train at Raxaul is inconvenient for passengers; and

(d) if so, what steps Government propose to take in the matter and by when?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) to (d) The composition of 4047/4048 Delhi-Raxaul Satyagraha Express consists of 21 coaches which run between Delhi and Bareilly, 3 coaches are detached at Bareilly and 18 coaches run from Bareilly to Raxaul including three second class sleeper coaches and two air conditioned three-tier coaches. The condition of the coaches running in the three rakes of 4047/4048 Delhi-Raxaul Satyagraha Express has been found to be satisfactory. The arrival time of 4048 Delhi-Raxaul Express at Raxaul is scheduled at 1755 hours and is considered to be convenient for the passengers keeping in view the total requirements of the passengers of different railway sections on which the train traverses.

SEB's dues to railways

*297. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that various State Electricity Boards owe huge amount to the Indian Railways for carrying coal to their respective power units; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard, Board wise and the steps taken to recover the amount from SEBs?

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The position as on 31.01.2002 is as under:

(Rs. in Crore)

S. No.	Name of State Electricity Boards (SEBs)	Outstanding as on 31.01.2002
1.	Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board	2.34
2.	Assam State Electricity Board	2.14
3.	Bihar State Electricity Board	9.51
4.	Delhi Vidyut Board	161.79
5.	Gujarat State Electricity Board	38.35
6.	Haryana State Electricity Board	14.94
7.	Karnataka State Electricity Board	0.20
8.	Maharashtra State Electricity Board	22.86
9.	Madhya Pradesh State Electricity Board	13.18
10.	Punjab State Electricity Board	323.55
11.	Rajasthan State Electricity Board	84.54
12.	Tamilnadu State Electricity Board	2.32
13.	Uttar Pradesh State Electricity Board	71.12
14.	West Bengal State Electricity Board	39.03
	SEBs Total	785.87
	Name of Central Power Utilities (CPUs) & Private Power Houses (PPH)	
15.	Badarpur Thermal Power Station	998.04
16.	National Thermal Power Corporation	64.48
17.	Damodar Valley Corporation	8.31
18.	Private Power House—Sabarmati	1.20
	CPUs & PPHs Total	1072.03
	Grand Total	1857.90

STEPS TAKEN TO RECOVER THE AMOUNT FROM STATE ELECTRICITY BOARDS/ POWER HOUSES

The steps taken by the Railways to recover the outstanding dues from State Electricity Boards/ Power Houses include:

1. Implementation of various schemes of "Prepayment of Freight" for carriage of Coal to Power Houses w.e.f. 01.10.1996.
2. State Electricity Boards and Power Houses which fail to observe the conditions of "Prepayment of Freight" as also payment of current freight are closely monitored by the Zonal Railways and regular meetings are held with senior officials including Chairmen of State Electricity Boards/Power Houses.
3. Pursuant to Government's decision on 7.02.1997 that the outstanding dues from State Electricity Boards/Power Houses as on 31.12.1996 would be adjusted from the Central Plan Assistance of the State Governments subject to certain limits, an amount of Rs. 144.90 crore has been received till date.
4. Adjustment of outstanding dues against traction bills of some of the State Electricity Boards.
5. The Minister for Railways has written to the Chief Ministers of Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Delhi, Punjab, Haryana and West Bengal urging early steps for clearance of the dues.

Lok Adalats for Women

*298. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are thinking of setting up of Lok Adalats for women to settle cases of matrimonial and domestic violence; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) The Government has introduced the Protection from Domestic Violence Bill, 2002 in Lok Sabha on 8th March, 2002 which, *inter-alia*, seeks to provide remedy under the civil law to women who are victims of domestic violence. The National Legal